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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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including the Annual Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1959

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Health Department,

Council Offices,

Church.

September, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District of Church for the year ending 31st, December, 1959.

During the summer months measles was prevalent and sonne dysentery, a mild form of dysentery, affected children attending a school in a neighbouring town.

Four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one case of non-pulmonary were notified.

Vital statistics are provided by the Registrar General and shew, amongst other things, that the birth rate of 16.2 is slightly below that of 16.5 for England and Wales. The death rate of 11.8 is slightly above that of 11.6 for England and Wales. The estimated population has remained near to the 5,700 mark for the past six years.

I am indebted to the Public Health Inspector and the Clerk of the Health Department for their help during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committee, together with the Clerk of the Council and all other officials for their valuable assistance.

I am,

Yours Obediently,

FRANK W. PARE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	528
Population (Census, 1951)	5,199
Population estimated mid-1959	5,750
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1959 according to rate books)	2,047
Rateable Value	£48,772
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£187

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA

Present industries include cotton and rayon weaving, bleaching, engineering and printing.

There have been no special noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor does there appear to be any conditions of occupation or environment which have been prejudical to health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population for mid-year 1959 is 5,750, which is 20 more than the previous year.

The census of 1931 revealed a population of 6,185, whilst that of 1951 indicated the number of persons living within the district to be 5,199.

Live Births.	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	91	49	42
Illegitimate	2	1	1
Total	93	50	43
Still Births.			
Legitimate	5	5	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	5	5	0

Total Registered Births.

Total Registered Births, 1959	93
Total Registered Births, 1958	103

Live Birth Rate.

For the year 1959 per 1,000 estimated population	16.2*
For the year 1958	18.0
For 5 years' average, 1954-58	18.0

* 1959 adjusted birth rate birth rate comparability factor 1.00 = 16.2 per 1,000. England and Wales 1959 16.5 per 1,000.

Still Birth Rate.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births for 1959	51.0
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births for 1958	46.3

Total Registered Deaths.

	Males	Females	Total
1959	34	30	64
1958	31	36	67

Crude Death Rate.

For 1959 per 1,000 estimated population	11.1
For 1958	11.7
Mean for 5 years, 1954 - 58	13.2
Corrected death rate (comparability factor 1.06)	11.8
England and Wales, 1959	11.6

Maternal Mortality.

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion, 1959.....	0
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion, 1958.....	0
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births in 1959..	0
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births in 1958..	0
Mean of 5 years, 1954 - 58	0

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
1959			
Male	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0
1958			
Male	1	0	1
Female	5	0	5

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births, 1959	0
All infants per 1,000 live births, 1958	58.3

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
1959			
Male	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0
1958			
Male	0	0	0
Female	3	0	3

Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

Mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1959	0
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1958	29.1

CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING 1959

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningoccocal infections	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	2	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	2	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	7	13
Coronary disease, angina	8	4	12
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart diseases	3	7	10
Other circulatory diseases	1	-	1
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-	-
Motor vehicles accidents	-	1	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	2	-	2
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	34	30	64

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1959

The numerical and age incidence of infectious diseases is shown in the following table.

TABLE I.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total cases at all ages.	Total Cases Notified — Age Periods - Years										Total Deaths.
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	Age un-known	
Scarlet fever												
Whooping cough												
Acute poliomyelitis												
Paralitic												
Non paralitic.....												
Measles	28	1	3	2	2	3	16	1				
Dysentery	42		2	1	3	9	20	4		2	1	
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Un-known					
Acute pneumonia (prim.& infl'zal)..												
Food poisoning												
Tuberculosis												
Respiratory	4			4								
Meninges & C.N.S...												
Other	1			1								
Puerperal Pyrexia ..												
TOTAL	75											

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS) 1952

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases of tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board. The Tuberculosis Scheme is administered by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and the Public Health Department is notified of housing conditions and environment generally. Necessary disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.

The following table indicates the number of persons on the register at 31st December, 1959. The number of persons on the register is two more than that of the previous year.

TABLE II

No. of Persons on Register 31st December, 1959									
Total Cases	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulm. & Non-Pulm.		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total.
30	16	12	28	1	1	2	17	13	30

No deaths of non-notified tuberculosis were received.

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of or mortality from tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.

No action has been necessary under the above regulations, which concern workpeople, suffering from tuberculosis, in the milk trade.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

Removal to hospital of infectious persons suffering from tuberculosis of the respiratory tract.

No action was necessary.

Disinfection after Infectious Disease.

Rooms of houses were disinfected during the year by means of spraying with a disinfectant.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of attention.

No action was necessary.

The following Sections of the Report, viz:-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
including PUBLIC CLEANSING, HOUSING
and INSPECTION and SUPERVISION OF
FOOD

have been prepared by

Mr. J. L. PALK, Public Health Inspector
(Cert. S.I.Bd., Cert. R.S.I. Meat and other Foods,
Cert. R.S.I. Smoke Inspectors).

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

Water is supplied by the Accrington District Water Board, and to 96 premises by Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

The water is obtained from moorland catchment area and deep wells.

Water is supplied from public mains direct to 2,102 dwelling houses with a population of 5,750, and the supply is considered generally satisfactory in respect both of quality and quantity throughout the area.

Copies of reports of bacteriological examinations are received from the Accrington and District Water Board each month.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of privy middens	0
No. of closets attached to those middens	0
No. of pail closets	3
No. of dry pits	0
No. of moveable ashbins	2185
No. of fresh water closets	1781
No. of waste water closets	980
*No. of trough closets	10
No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation	66
No. of houses on water carriage system	2100

*These closets are situate in a factory which has been closed down.

Closet Conversions.

No. of waste water closets to fresh water	P.H.A., 1936 .. 22	
	H.A., 1949-54 . 22	
		44
No. of trough closets to fresh water		0
No. of new water closets made thereby		0

Waste Water Closets and Drains.

168 complaints of choked waste water closets and drains have been attended to by Local Authority workmen. Although 130 were cleansed 38 were referred to the owner for cleansing and repair.

Shops Act, 1950.

Inspections have been carried out in respect of ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences of shops which consist mainly of the house and shop type.

In addition, 102 inspections were carried out for the Lancashire County Council, who are the Local Authority for certain sections of the Act.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no baths or pools within the district.

Schools.

There are four schools within the district - all denominational, three of which are more than 50 years old. The standards of these premises cannot be said to be equal to those of the present day. In one school the sanitary accommodation for the boys requires improving.

Disinfestation.

No houses were found to be infested with bed bugs.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution.

Analyses of collected matter from the Standard Deposit Gauge situated at Alleytroyd's Wharf has been continued during the year by the Analyst of the County Borough of Burnley.

Generally it is found that in months of high and low rainfall the pollution collected varies according to the amount of rainfall deposited.

The average monthly pollution expressed in tons per square mile and the rainfall in inches for the past eight years are set out in the table below:-

Year.	Average Pollution.	Monthly Rainfall.
1959	30.44	3.22
1958	23.94	3.92
1957	21.01	3.75
1956	26.23	3.74
1955	23.36	2.94
1954	28.69	4.67
1953	23.10	2.80
1952	29.58	3.84

A continuous measurement of the standard deposit gauge was interrupted on two occasions, in consequence the figures relate to ten months only.

Industrial Premises.

It is pleasing to report that smoke emissions have been reduced following the installation of mechanical stokers and the efficient maintenance of such plant, but in a few instances the hand fired coal burning boiler remains in use with its attendant smoke emissions.

Domestic Premises.

The Clean Air Act, 1956, enables Local Authorities to establish smoke control areas by means of Orders confirmed by the Minister.

The effect of these Orders, generally speaking, is to prohibit the emission of smoke from chimneys in the area, but the provisions of the Act are flexible and allow for adaptation to local circumstances. The establishment of smoke control areas will necessarily be gradual. Progress will be governed by the supply of smokeless fuels, the rate at which appliances can be converted or replaced, the rate at which Local Authorities are able to formulate and carry through their smoke control plans, and last but not least, the manner in which householders accept these smokeless fuels.

The Minister, by Circular, invited Councils in Black Areas to consider their domestic smoke problem as a whole and decide upon the smoke control orders that are needed. Although black areas are not mentioned in the Act, The Beaver Report, upon which the Act is based, designates, as black areas, certain areas which experience a high frequency of fog and in which urban and industrial density produces large amounts of pollution. The urban district of Church, with its neighbouring local authorities, is included in the Central Lancashire Black Area.

This legislation is new and in those areas where it will be applied it has a great impact on the householder.

In 1957, the Council decided to form Smoke Control Areas, but it was not until 1959, following the Ministry's Circular No. 5/59 that definite proposals were formulated, when it was decided to make the whole of the urban district smoke controlled and to begin in the area north of the River Hyndburn. This area was divided into six sections and the first section chosen was that at the extreme north adjoining the boundary of Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council.

The first Order was made on the 21st December, 1959.

Offensive Trade - Fat Melter.

The treatment plant consists of water aborbtion and chlorine and generally is successful in eliminating most of the offensive odour.

PUBLIC CLEANSING, 1959-60.

Refuse Removal.

A weekly service of refuse collection is endeavoured to be maintained and the number of emptyings in the year reached 51, which is a similar number to that of the previous year.

Refuse Disposal.

Domestic refuse and certain other refuse is disposed of at the tip at Far Holmes in accordance with the best available method. This form of sanitary disposal of refuse is dependent upon a plentiful supply of suitable cover such as furnace ashes and dust, and unfortunately this material is becoming very difficult to obtain.

Salvage.

The separation of salvable material from household and factory refuse has continued throughout the year.

The following is a summary of materials collected and sold:-

	T.	C.	Q.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	112	14	0		695	2	7
Ferrous Metals	2	2	1		14	15	9
Light Scrap Metal	1	1	2		5	10	2
Textiles	3	17	1	15	58	0	7
Totals.	119	15	0	15	£ 773	9	1

The amount of salvage continues to play an important part in the refuse collection and disposal accounts.

COST STATEMENT

Year Ended 31st March, 1960.

Summary

Item.	Particulars.	Collection.	Disposal.	Total.
	Revenue Account Gross Expenditure.	£	£	£
1	1 Labour	1722	1000	2722
	2 Transport	1119	10	1129
	3 Plant equipment land and buildings.	254	118	372
	4 Other Items.	—	—	—
	5 Total gross expenditure.	3095	1128	4223
2	Income.	—	1197	1197
3	Net Cost	3095	Cr. 69	3026
4	Capital Expenditure met from Revenue.	—	—	—
	UNIT COSTS.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
5	Gross cost per ton labour only.	21 2	12 3	33 5
6	Gross cost per ton transport only.	13 9	1	13 10
7	Net cost (all expenditure) per ton.	38 1	Cr. 10	37 3
		£	£	£
8	Net cost per 1,000 population.	540	Cr. 12	528
9	Net cost per 1,000 premises.	1437	Cr. 32	1405

10	Area in acres	528
11	Population at 30th June, 1959	5750
12	Estimated total refuse collected (tons)	1626
13	Estimated weight (cwts) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year)	15.5
14	No. of premises from which refuse is collected	2154
15	Average haul by collection vehicle to disposal point (miles)	.5
16	Number of emptyings during the year	51

Facts obtained from the Cost Statement.

That bins are emptied weekly and that it costs 6d to empty a dustbin and transport the contents to the tip each week and .07d. to dispose of the refuse.

FACTORIES.

The number of factories on the register in accordance with the provisions of the Factory Act, 1937, is 2 Non-power and 42 Power, and other premises 1.

Non-Power Factories.

Two inspections were carried out in respect of cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and sanitary conveniences, and no contraventions were observed.

Power Factories.

Forty-one inspections were carried out in respect of sanitary accommodation. Four contraventions were observed and six were remedied during the year.

Outwork.

The number of persons employed as outworkers in accordance with Section 110 was 4.

Means of Escape in Case of Fire.(position at end of year).

No. of factories required certificates	1
No. of certificates issued	3

SANITARY INSPECTIONS, 1959.

Number of premises visited	2850
Defects or nuisances discovered	572
Defects or nuisances abated	513
Number of notices served - a) Informal	463
b) Statutory	0
Legal Proceedings	0

CLASSIFICATION OF INSPECTIONS.

Inspection of District	73
Houses - Complaints and re-visits	227
Interviews - Owners and property repairers	94
Choked waste water closets and drains	233
Examining drain whilst work in progress	26
New drains	21
Conversion of waste water closets	58
Dust Bins	135
Refuse removal and disposal	336
Salvage	58
Street Cleansing	141
Public Conveniences	50
Factories	45
Carried forward	1497

Classification of Inspections.(Continued).

Carried forward ...	1497
Food and Drugs Act - Food preparing and retail premises, viz:- Meat pie and sausage, bakehouse, cafe kitchens and canteens, grocers, confectioners, butchers, fried fish and licensed premises	125
Shops and Offices	35
Atmospheric pollution - observations, interviews and inspections	302
Offensive trade	83
Infectious diseases and food poisoning	62
Dirty and/or verminous premises	9
Rodent Control	97
Council houses - Tenancies, inspections and interviews	150
Shops Act, 1950, Inspection for L.C.C.	102
Sundry Inspections	49
Rodent Control - Operator's visits	333
Petroleum Acts	6
	2850

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Dwelling Houses:-

Roofs	9
Gutters	3
Downspouting	7
Windows - Sash cords	7
Windows - Repairs	5
Ceiling Plaster	5
Wall Plaster	8
Floors	2
Doors	3
Internal walls waterproofed	-
External walls	4
Chimney stacks and flues	2
Handrails	1
Waste water closets and drains	178
Water Closets	3
Dust bins	107
Dust bin lids	35
Cleansed and/or vermin destroyed	2
Sinks and waste pipes	1
Miscellaneous	24
Food premises	11
Shops Act	0
Rats and Mice	58
Factories	6
Clean Air Act	3
Refuse Deposits	14
Miscellaneous	15
	513

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The rodent control scheme has continued throughout the year with much success.

Treatment has been carried out using the methods as recommended by the Directorate of Infestation Control.

During the year free treatment to dwelling houses was given by the Local Authority.

Fifty-eight treatments against rodents were carried out as follows:-

	Type of Property.		
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural.
	Dwelling houses.	All other.	
(a) No. of properties in district.....	2105	376	5
(b) No. of properties inspected.....	126	116	5
(c) Total inspections carried out (inc. re-inspections)..	159	165	9
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:-			
Rats - Major	—	-	-
Minor	8	22	1
Mice - Major	—	-	-
Minor	13	2	-
(e) No. of infested properties treated....	21	24	1
(f) Total treatments carried out (inc. re-treatments)...	23	33	2
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.....	—	-	-

Two treatments of the sewers have been carried out, which, in my opinion, play a large part in reducing the rat population of the district, and defective drains, which were permitting egress of rats, have been remedied.

HOUSING.

(a) HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority.....	-	-
(ii) By other local authorities.....	4	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons	-	-

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	24
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	30
2.	Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :-	
(a)	Number found during the year.....	1
(b)	Number (or estimated number) at end of year	-
3.	Number of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	23

2. Houses Demolished:-

	Houses Demolished.	Displaced during Quarter Persons	Displaced during Quarter Families.
In Clearance Areas.			
1. Houses unfit for human habitation..	4	-	-
2. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.....	-	-	-
3. Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957...	-	-	-
Not In Clearance Areas:-			
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957.....	4	-	-

3. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Number		
1. Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957.....	1	-	-
2. Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
3. Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18 Housing Act, 1957.....	-	-	-

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and House in Which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
1. After informal action by Local Authority	15	-
2. After formal notice under:-		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Housing Act, 1957, Sec. 9 and 16	-	-
3. Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	-

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act, 1957:-

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1). (2)
Position at end of year:-		
1. Retained for temporary accommodation:-		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
2. Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Column (1). (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year	-	-

7. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants etc:-

Action during year:-	Private Bodies or individuals. No. of schemes.	Private Bodies or individuals. No. of dwelling houses affected.	Local Authority No. of schemes.	Local Authority No. of dwelling houses affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	14	15	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority ...	14	15	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry ..	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed	15	16	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	1	-	-	-

(g) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars).

Loans granted for improvement of houses to persons who purchase houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:-	No. of Schemes.	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted to local authority	20	20
(b) Approved by local authority	20	20
(c) Work completed	2	2

(b) HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The problem of maintaining in good repair houses built about 90 years ago is ever present. Some landlords have taken advantage of the Rent Act, 1957, whereby the rents may be raised provided that in due course certain repairs are carried out. Nevertheless certain houses appear to be beyond economic repair.

The Council received application for one certificate of disrepair.

The Housing Acts, 1949-54.

Improvement grants as the previous table indicates have enabled a better standard of housing to be enjoyed.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

The conversion of waste water closets.
The achievement of a cleaner atmosphere.
The paving and draining of unmade streets.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply.

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Number of licences issued in respect of Heat-treated Milk:-

(a) Dairies in the district 0
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies.... 31
(c) Premises outside the district 8

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54:-

Number of dealers' licences including supplementary licences issued by the Local Authority during 1959 in respect of:-

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk 8

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53:-

Number of licences issued in respect of Heat-treated Milk:-

Pasteurising Plants 0
Sterilising Plants 0
Retail Distributors - (a) Pasteurised 11
(b) Sterilised 37

Action taken by Local Authority in relation to:-

(a) Raw Milk:-	No.	Sat.	Unsat.
(i) Tuberculosis biological tests	2	2	0
(ii) Methylene Blue Reduction test	2	2	0
(iii) B. Coli	2	1	1

(b) Pasteurised:-	No.	Sat.	Unsat.
(i) Phosphatase	1	1	0
(ii) Methylene Blue Reduction test	1	1	0

2. Meat and Other Foods.

(a) There are no Slaughter Houses within the district.

81 inspections were carried out at food shops and vehicles, and I am pleased to report that on 15 occasions where it has been necessary to draw the attention of the occupiers to contraventions, improvements were effected, which include the provision of washhand basins and hot water, and repairs to walls and floors.

(b) Number of Food Premises, indicating type of business, in the district at the end of the year:-

General grocers and provisions dealers	26
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	7
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc)	0
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	5
Bakers and/or confectioners	8
Fried fish shops	6
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionary, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	12
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	22
Others	10
Total	96

(c) No special examinations of food stocks or consignments were required during the year.

(d) A small quantity of condemned food was buried at the Local Authority's controlled refuse tip.

(e) Food Poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were reported.

3. Adulteration of Foods.

This Local Authority is not a Food and Drugs Authority, and the work of carrying into execution and enforcing the section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938:-

(a) Which relate to the composition of food and drugs.

(b) Which relates to additions not to be made to milk and liquids to be sold as milk;

and together with certain Orders and Regulations, with a view to securing that food and drugs are sold only in a pure and genuine condition, is performed by the County Council.

4. Control of Certain Premises where Food is prepared for Sale and Sold.

During the year 44 visits of inspection were made. Attention was paid to the cleanliness of the premises, appliances and personnel employed. In 5 instances improvements were carried out to registered premises.

Number of Food Premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of Ice Cream	16
Manufacture of Sausages and Potted Meat	5
Manufacture of Meat Pies	10

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of Inspections. (3)	Number of Written notices. (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	36	41	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	1	2	-	-
Total	39	45	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork.

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Iron and steel cables and chains.	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	-	-	-	-	-